

Single-Stream **Recycling Guide**

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You can now place all recyclables in one toter!



Opened mail & greeting cards



Paper egg cartons



Paperboard boxes



#1-7 Plastic tubs & screw-top jars



#1-7 Plastic bottles & jugs









White or pastel office paper



Cans (do not crush or flatten)



Clean, balled aluminum foil (2" or larger) and pie pans





remove: paper clips, stamps, address labels,

No need to

staples, tape, wire, metal fasteners, rubber bands, spiral bindings, plastic tabs

Please flatten all cardboard boxes

Magazines, brochures

& catalogs



• plastic bags

· hard-back books

scrap metal

• Tyvek® envelopes

• plastic 6-pack holders

- paper ream wrappers
- plastic microwave trays
- frozen food, ice cream or frozen juice containers
- mirrors, ceramics or Pyrex®
- · light bulbs, plates or vases
- drinking glasses, window glass
- hazardous or bio-hazardous waste
 - plastic other than those listed
 - tissues, paper towels, napkins
 - · waxed paper or waxed cardboard
 - Kraft® (orange/brown) envelopes
 - · Styrofoam or paper to-go containers



inserts (no bags)



flatten

Corrugated

cardboard &

paper bags

Paper-back

Phone Books



Loose metal jar lids & steel bottle caps



Empty



Paper milk/ juice cartons (no foil pouches, do not flatten)



aerosol cans



and place them inside your toter

Empty and rinse all containers



Questions? Call or Visit: Department of Public Works: (617) 730-2156 www.brooklinema.gov



Small blue recycling bins will no longer be collected once the single-stream program begins. New toters will be distributed to all households starting September 13, 2010.



All Together Now!

Single-Stream Recycling

A message from the Brookline Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Dear Neighbor,

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) is a group of citizen volunteers appointed by the Selectmen. Its mission is simply stated: advise the Selectmen on the best ways to reduce municipal solid waste. We are committed to moving Brookline toward a goal of being a "zero waste" community.

That you are reading this message suggests that you share that interest. Thank you. Your efforts make fiscal and environmental sense.

Single stream recycling is the next step in the quest.

Single stream takes the guesswork out of recycling. It makes recycling more convenient. It allows for automatic or semi-automatic collection. It responds to increasingly sophisticated sorting machinery. It even tidies up our streets.

As collection and disposal expenses continue to rise and as we become more aware of our environmental responsibilities, the

challenges of municipal solid waste policy are increasing. SWAC will continue to advocate for changes that will be fiscally responsible, equitable, and better for the environment.

Please continue to acquaint yourself with Brookline's efforts and expectations by closely reading Brookline Works, by checking the website, by regularly reading the "Recycling Corner" in the TAB, by calling the Department of Public Works, and by informing yourself about best practices in surrounding towns and cities, across the United States and internationally.

Thank you.

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Adam Mitchell, Chair

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Frequently asked questions on the new single stream program

What is single-stream recycling?

Single-stream isn't anything fancy. It simply refers to a new system that takes the two recycling "streams" collected through the Brookline curbside program — mixed paper and commingled containers — and puts them together in one toter. Voila. Single-stream. Two bins, now one. It is still important to follow the same guidelines applied to the two-bin program, except you put the two streams together.

When will we receive the new toters?

Toters will be delivered during the month of September to all residents on town service. We will not be able to give exact dates of delivery but we will be more specific on delivery dates as we get closer to September.

Will I still be able to use my blue bins?

Yes and No. No we will not collect blue bins curb side any longer. Yes, they are great for transporting recycling from your house or apartment to the toter. There are many other great uses for the blue bins! We will also set up a collection area after distribution of the toters to collect bins if you no longer want them .

Can I use my toter before October 4th?

No, we will not pick up the toters until the week of October 4th on your regular trash day. You are more than welcome to put recycling in it before that day.

I am elderly or disabled and can not transport a large cart. Can I get a smaller one?

The smallest size toter delivered in September will be a 64 gallon toter. If after a two week trial period this significantly impedes your ability to recycle please call (617)879-4908 to discuss alternative recycling options.

What kind of recycling can I put in the new toters?

Everything you're putting in the blue bins now can be put together in the one toter including cardboard. All cardboard must be broken down and made to fit.

There will be instructions stamped on the top of each toter on how to place it properly at the curb.

What are the advantages to single stream?

By eliminating sorting, recycling becomes easier and increases participation and recovery rates. In many communities, recycling has increased 30% or more by switching to Single Stream Recycling. Single Stream also reduces collection costs because haulers can use single compartment trucks that can be compacted as opposed to specialized multi compartment vehicles that are more costly to operate. Over time this greatly reduces the energy required to collect the material.

Questions Call (617) 879-4908

Brookline Single Stream Recycling is coming October 4th **Get Excited!**